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At the July 18, 2002 meeting CERB approved state loan and grant investments of economic development infrastructure for the Port of Klickitat and the NW Lincoln County Regional PDA totaling \$1,711,994. The new businesses in Klickitat and Lincoln counties associated with these projects are expected to create 92 new jobs and retain 42 existing jobs.

NW LINCOLN COUNTY REGIONAL PDA: AMERICAN PREMIX, INC.

The NW Lincoln County Regional PDA received conditional approval for a \$333,089 loan and a \$333,089 grant to construct three buildings of approximately 7,700 sq. ft., 2,720 sq. ft. and 6,000 sq. ft. that will be owned by the PDA. The buildings at the PDA's Creston industrial site will be leased to American Premix Technologies, Inc. American Premix manufactures nutritional supplies for livestock and horses, researching and producing customized balanced nutritional regimen precluding the use of hormones and antibiotics and offering free consultation services to assist cattlemen and dairies. The company has been operating out of Cowley, Alberta for the past seven years, and will be moving the entire operation to Lincoln County. Development of the project site will include extending waterlines, a new septic system, approximately 400 feet of new railroad siding, and improvements made to an access road. American Premix estimates it will create 46 new jobs within the first two years of operation.

NW LINCOLN COUNTY REGIONAL PDA: STERETT BROS. HAY LLC

The NW Lincoln County Regional PDA received conditional approval for a \$197,908 loan and a \$197,908 grant to construct two buildings at the PDAs Creston industrial site that will be owned by the PDA. Both buildings will be leased to a local business, Sterett Bros. Hay LLC, who has been in operation for 5 years and produces specialized value added hay pellets injected with nutritional supplements manufactured by American Premix. The company will use the 5,000 square foot (approx.) building for mill processing, and the 4,000 square foot (approx.) building for commodity storage. Sterett also grows specialized varieties of hay for delivery currently throughout the United States. Expanded operations will allow Sterett to grow into larger national and international markets. Sterett Bros. Hay estimates it will create 15 new jobs within the first three years of operation.

PORT OF KLICKITAT

The Port of Klickitat in Klickitat County received conditional approval for a \$650,000 loan that will be used to build an 25,000 to 30,000 square foot industrial building owned by the port for lease to a growing tenant. Other improvements that will be made to the property include site prep and excavation, water, sewer, storm water retention system, utilities (gas, telephone, electric) and road access. This project will allow the port to add to infrastructure already in place, and will provide the needed space for the expansion of Innovative Composites Engineering (ICE), a port tenant since 1995, and Insitu Group, a port tenant since 1996. Insitu will expand into the building vacated by ICE. A total of 42 jobs will be retained, and 31 new jobs are estimated to be created by the two companies.

CITY OF ELMA REV PROJECT RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY—REHABILITATION OF THE DOWNTOWN CORRIDOR:

CERB staff attended the ribbon cutting ceremony in the City of Elma this past June. This 1999 REV (Rural Economic Vitality Program) project consisted of the rehabilitation of the downtown corridor including planning, widening, installation of paving fabric and the overlay of new asphalt concrete. Surface catch basins were added, and old sidewalks were removed and replaced. Pedestrian access ramps are now provided, including bike racks, benches, and trash receptacles, and parking has been increased by 80%. This project improves, widens, signalizes, and constructs other needed improvements through the core area of downtown Elma and links to a freeway access at both ends. An estimated 28 new retail and commercial jobs will be created as a result of the transportation improvements.



2002 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

CERB is updating projects to prepare for publication of the 2002 Legislative Report. CERB's Program Assistant, April Wilson is contacting projects that have completed construction within the past five years to update project outcomes. Project outcomes tracked include the actual jobs created as a result of CERB's investment of economic development infrastructure, wage data, actual private investment made in the business developments, and new business developments occurring after the initial CERB project as a result of CERB's investment. Should your project fall within the five-year tracking timeframe, please give April your earliest attention. The report is due in December of 2002.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Elisabeth Harper, who represented the Small Business East of Puget Sound & West of Cascades position, has resigned from the Board for personal reasons. Elisabeth served on the Board for four years. Her background as a small business owner and support for the Economic Development Association of Skagit County's efforts provided a solid base of knowledge and experience. CERB wishes Elisabeth the best in future endeavors.

John Doyle, Director of Freight Planning and Strategy, Department of Transportation representative, has left the Board to take on new responsibilities. CERB thanks John for over ten years of service. Elizabeth Robbins, Manager of Economic Initiatives Office, Highways & Local Programs Division takes on the role of the new representative for the Department of Transportation. Welcome!

CERB is a state economic development resource strategically focused to help business and industry create and retain jobs in partnership with local communities.

CERB provides financing for construction of public facilities that support private sector development and increased employment opportunities.

Management support is provided by the Office of Trade & Economic Development, Washington's lead agency charged with enhancing and promoting sustainable economic vitality throughout the state.

Communities with potential projects are encouraged to contact CERB staff at 360.725.4058 or by e-mail to: KateR@cted.wa.gov
